# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS GAS SERVICES DIVISION

# GAS UTILITIES INFORMATION BULLETIN

No. 932



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#### SECTION 1 NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

**DOCKET NO**. -- 10128

**CAPTION** -- Petition filed by West Texas Gas, Inc. to Review Twenty-seven Municipal Rate Decisions and

Motion to Consolidate.

**DATE FILED** -- 11/09/2011

FILED BY -- G. William Fowler
EXAMINER -- Eugene Montes
TECHNICAL -- Rose Ruiz

**DOCKET NO**. -- 10129

**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Texas Gas Service Company to Review Tapping Fee in the Agua Dulce

Colonia within the Unincorporated Area of the El Paso Service Area.

**DATE FILED** -- 09/22/2011 **FILED BY** -- Sarah Montoya **EXAMINER** -- Frank Tomicek

TECHNICAL --

**DOCKET NO**. -- 10130

**CAPTION** -- Amendment of 16 Tex. Admin. Code 18.12, relating to Penalty Guidelines.

**DATE FILED** -- 11/21/2011

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion EXAMINER -- Mary Ross McDonald

TECHNICAL --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10131

**CAPTION** -- Amendment of 16 Tex. Admin. Code 8.135, relating to Penalty Guidelines for Pipeline Safety

Violations.

**DATE FILED** -- 11/21/2011

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion EXAMINER -- Mary Ross McDonald

TECHNICAL --

#### **SECTION 2**

#### APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2011

**DOCKET NO**. -- GUD 10021

**CAPTION** -- Statement of Intent of AgriTex Gas, LP, to increase rates for gas service in Armstrong, Bailey,

Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Oldham,

Parmer, Potter, Randall, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum Counties, Texas.

**EXAMINER** -- Cecile Hanna

**DATE & TIME** -- December 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE** At the Commission's offices in the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North congress Avenue,

Austin, Texas (Room Number to be posted on the bulletin board in lobby of First Floor)

#### **SECTION 3**

#### **STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

None at this time.

#### **SECTION 4**

## **NOTICES OF DISMISSAL**

None at this time.

# SECTION 5 ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

## GUD No. 10084

Statement of Intent filed by Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division, to change gas rates in the unincorporated areas of the Lubbock Rate Division.

## GUD No. 10085

Statement of Intent filed by Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division, to change gas rates in the unincorporated areas of the West Texas Rate Division.

#### SECTION 6 MISCELLANEOUS

#### WILLIAM O. GEISE, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR

## 1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

#### A. Publications

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Now available at the State of Texas' website at:

http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us

Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules. Now available thru the Commission's Website at:

http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7

- 2.
- a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year Now available via the Commission's website at:

http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/index.php

3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - Now available via the Commission's website at:

http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/sixmcf/index.php

#### B. <u>Interest Rate on Customer Deposits</u>

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2011 is 0.19%. All gas utilities should use 0.34% for the calendar year 2010 and 2.09% for calendar year 2009.

#### 2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION

A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:
Headquarters - William B. Travis Building
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#### B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports

- 1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
- 2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
- 3. Inquiries relating to audit reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.

#### C. Available Information

Copies of gas utility annual reports (2000 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of seven to ten business days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

#### 3. MARKET OVERSIGHT

**A**. Maintains the following office to assist you:

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building 1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Mark Evarts, Director

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#### **B.** Gas Utilities Information Bulletin

Published on the Commission's web site at: http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/forms/newsletters/gasutilitybulletins/index.php

#### C. Proposals For Decision

Published on the Commission's web site at: <a href="http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/meetings/dockets/index.php">http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/meetings/dockets/index.php</a>

#### D. <u>Tariff Filings</u>

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, Yolanda Lovelace, or Ranissa Stewart at (512) 463-7167.

#### E. <u>Curtailments</u>

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788.

#### F. **Compliance Filings**

Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Mark Brock at (512) 463-7167.

#### G.

<u>Complaints and Inquiries</u>
All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Market Oversight Section at (512) 463-7164.

#### H. **Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:**

#### 4. **HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

#### A. **Miscellaneous**

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

#### B. **Status of Pending Cases**

The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.